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A number of white and colored people who had come in contact with plague patients recently have been isolated. In view of the spread of the plague, the Government has increased the sanitary precautions. To-day 6 new cases of plague have occurred. Two natives were found dead, and it is believed they died of plague.

# ITALY.

## *Reports from Naples—Smallpox continues.*

NAPLES, ITALY, February 20, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended February 20, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On February 14, the steamship *Columbia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 749 steerage passengers and 65 pieces of large and 102 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and thirty-five pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On February 16 the steamship *Liguria*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,077 steerage passengers and 190 pieces of large and 1,110 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and sixty-eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. One case of variola was rejected.

On February 20 the steamship *Hesperia*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 716 steerage passengers and 41 pieces of large and 901 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and sixty-seven pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

### *Smallpox.*

At the inspection of the steamship *Liguria* one of the steerage passengers was found to have had smallpox. Desquamation was about completed. The family in which the case occurred was detained here to await developments.

During the past week smallpox has again appeared in many of the villages adjacent to Naples in which it was supposed to have been stamped out. Orders more strict than those previously issued have been sent out in regard to vaccinating the people in the affected districts. The real number of cases is mere conjecture. Many physicians do not report their cases and many others occur without receiving medical attention. Therefore, the number of cases does not reach the statistician.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

NAPLES, ITALY, February 27, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended February 27, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On February 21, the Italian steamship *Neptunus*, bound with cargo via Messina, for Boston and Philadelphia.

On February 21, the steamship *Hohenzollern*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 752 steerage passengers and

72 pieces of large and 976 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and thirty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On February 23, the steamship *Neustria*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 888 steerage passengers and 54 pieces of large and 1,225 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and fifty eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On February 26, the Italian steamship *Sicilia*, bound with cargo via Messina for New Orleans, La.

On February 27, the steamship *California*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed, 1,149 steerage passengers and 44 pieces of large and 1,157 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

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*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MEXICO.

*Reports from Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, February 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended February 23: From yellow fever and smallpox there were no deaths, only 2 cases being reported from yellow fever and none from smallpox. There were 29 deaths from all causes.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

NETHERLANDS.

*Quarantine against Cape Town, Africa, on account of plague.*

AMSTERDAM, February 16, 1901.

SIR: The minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands has declared Cape Town to be infected with pest, and has fixed the quarantine, in accordance with article 8 of the law of March 28, 1877, at ten days.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,  
*United States Consul.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila—Plague and smallpox.*

MANILA, P. I., January 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 1 fatal case of plague, in a Filipino, occurred in Manila during the week ended January 12, 1901. During the same period there were 4 cases of smallpox, with no deaths reported. The total number of deaths from all causes during the week was 180.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*  
*Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*